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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AUTO AND TRAFFIC SAFETY VISIT FOR
FRENCH GROUP.

EMBASSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FACILITATE PROPOSED VISIT
TO THE UNITED STATES, MAY 26 TO JUNE 5, BY FIVE OR
SIX HIGHWAY, AUTOMOBILE AND TRAFFIC SAFETY SPECIALISTS
FROM THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT. TRIP IS BEING
ORGANIZED BY "LA PREVENTION ROUTIERE" WHICH WE ARE
INFORMED IS THE FRENCH COUNTERPART OF THE U.S. NATIONAL
SAFETY COUNCIL SO FAR AS ROAD QUESTIONS ARE CONCERNED.
GROUP WOULD VISIT AT LEAST THREE CITIES FROM AMONG
NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, CHICAGO AND DETROIT AS NECESSARY
DEPENDING ON WHAT ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE MADE. GROUP
WILL HAVE ITS OWN INTERPRETER.

GROUP WISHES TO MEET WITH U.S. FEDERAL STATE AND LOCAL
OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, FOR
DISCUSSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS UNDER THE FOLLOWING
HEADINGS.

1. OVERVIEW OF U.S. HIGHWAY SYSTEM WITH
EMPHASIS ON METHODS OF DESIGN AND OPERATION TO
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FACILITATE ASSIGNING TRAFFIC PRIORITIES (E.G. RESERVED
BUS AND CAR POOL LANES ON CERTAIN ROADS COMING INTO
CITIES, USE OF ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS TO EASE CON-
GESTION, ETC.).

2. TRAFFIC COUNTING, DATA COLLECTION AND
PROCESSING; TRAFFIC PREDICTION.

3. INFORMATION SERVICE TO USERS WITH RESPECT
TO CONGESTION AND ALTERNATIVE ROUTINGS (E.G. ROLE OF
AERIAL TRAFFIC MONITORING AND OF RADIO BROADCASTS TO
MOTORISTS - PLUS USE OF CITIZEN BAND RADIO ON MORE
INFORMAL BASIS).

4. VISIT TO AN AUTOMOBILE PLANT OR LABORATORY
WITH EMPHASIS ON COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY REGULATIONS IN
VEHICLE CONSTRUCTION (INTERESTED ESPECIALLY IN AIR BAGS
AND SAFETY BELTS).

THE INFORMATION SYSTEM TO USERS IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST.
GROUP ALSO ESPECIALLY WISHES TO OBSERVE COMPLEX U. S.

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HIGHWAY NETWORKS IN LARGE CITIES (ESPECIALLY AT PEAK
PERIODS) AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY LOCAL TRAFFIC OFFICIALS
WHO CAN EXPLAIN DETAILS OF SYSTEM AND HOW INFORMATION
IS DISSEMINATED THROUGH BOTH ROAD DEVICES AND PRIVATE
BROADCASTING.

DOT IS REQUESTED TO FACILITATE THIS VISIT, ARRANGE
WASHINGTON PROGRAM, MAKE PRELIMINARY APPOINTMENTS
ELSEWHERE AND SUGGEST ORDER IN WHICH CITIES SHOULD BE
VISITED. SINCE GROUP WILL BE IN US OVER MEMORIAL DAY,
HOLIDAY PROGRAM EMPHASIZING LOCAL EFFORTS AT SOME CITY
ON DAY OF ARRIVAL MIGHT BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL. COMMERCE
DEPARTMENT MAY FIND THIS GROUP OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF
PROMOTING EXPORTS US ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT RELATED TO

TRAFFIC CONTROLS AND MAY WISH SUGGEST VISITS TO
APPROPRIATE MANUFACTURERS OF SUCH EQUIPMENT. WE HAVE
TOLD ORGANIZERS OF THE TRIP TO BRING FRENCH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON INTO THE PICTURE TO WORK OUT DETAILED
SCHEDULES. PLEASE ADVISE US NAME AND TITLE OF DOT
OFFICIAL WHOM FRENCH EMBASSY SHOULD CONTACT. WE
WILL PASS THIS TO TRIP ORGANIZERS.
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